

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with a representative of Jocelyn Ram on March 21, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a) Claim 5 is being rejoined into the application, and as a rejoined claim, the status identifier of claim 5 ("withdrawn") has been deleted and the status identifier -- (original) -- inserted in its place.

b) Claims 13-18 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected species.

c) Claim 19 is amended as follows:

(i) "A method of...the actual amount of the therapeutic agent;" (i.e. the first 11 lines) has been deleted.

(ii) -- The method of claim 6, further comprising: -- has been inserted before "applying" in line 12.

(iii) -- that is a different composition than the first and second therapeutic agent -- has been inserted after “agent” on line 12.

(iv) -- wherein the third portion and the fourth portion are at different locations on the outer surface of the medical device -- has been inserted after the last word of claim 19, but before the period.

(v) Claim 19 is being rejoined into the application, and as a rejoined claim, the status identifier of claim 19 (“withdrawn”) has been deleted and the status identifier -- (currently amended) -- inserted in its place.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Erma Cameron/ whose telephone number is 571-272-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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